GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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EXTORTION BY TRAFFIC POLICE
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have received any complaints regarding extortion of money/taking bribe etc. from the vehicle owners by the Delhi Traffic Police during the last three years;

(b) if so , the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government thereon?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSO PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI HARIN PATHAK)

(a) & (b): During the preceding three years, Delhi Police had received 759 such complaints of which 727 complaints were found unsubstantiated and the remaining 32 as prima facie substantiated. Delhi Police have taken/initiated suitable departmental action against 73 police personnel involved in the 32 complaints found to be prima facie substantiated.

(c): The steps taken by Delhi Police to check such activities include regular briefing of the staff by senior officers; monitoring and inspection of the activities of the staff deployed for patrolling/booth duties by the senior officer; surprise check by the Vigilance Branch; close watch on the police personnel suspected to be indulging in corrupt practices; transfer of persons with doubtful integrity to non-sensitive posts; encouraging the public to voice their grievances through complaint boxes put up at Police Stations, District Headquarters, Police Headquarters and through Help Line facilities and E-Mail; examination of the complaints against police officials by senior officers; and award of exemplary punishment to those found involved in corrupt practices so that it serves as an example for others.